GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:404
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2001
CARGO SERVICE
PRABODH PANDA;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposals from State Governments in regard to the development of inland waterways as additional mode of passenger transport and for cargo service;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the plans being formulated by the Government in this regard;

(c) the details of inland waterways where the cargo services are available in the country; State-wise;

(d) the projects earmarked involving cargo transportation for private sector participation and the response of the private sector thereto;

(e) whether there is any proposal for setting up of several jetties for a greater Cargo and passenger movement; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e) & (f) : A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.404 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH DECEMBER,2001 RAISED BY SHRI PRABODH PANDA AND SHRI SHIVAJI MANE REGARDING CARGO SERVICE

(a)& (b) Yes, Sir. For encouraging State Governments to develop inland waterways there exists a provision for loan assistance up to 50% of the cost of the schemes on reimbursement basis to the state Governments.
From time to time proposals have been received from State Governments like Goa, West Bengal, Kerala, Bihar and U.P .

(c) The river Ganga from Haldia to Allahabad which passes through the states of West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, the river Brahmaputra from Dhubri to Sadiya which passes through the state of Assam and west Coast Canal from Kottapuram to Kollam alongwith Champakara and Udyogmandal Canals through the state of Kerala have been declared and are being developed by the Central Government for shipping and navigation and cargo movement/services exist in these three National Waterways 1,2 and 3 respectively. In addition to the above waterways, cargo movement also takes place in some other states such as Goa, Maharashtra etc.

(d) As per guidelines of the Government projects relating to operation of vessels, fairway development, provision of terminals and mechanized cargo handling facilities are identified for private sector participation. The response has been positive and encouraging. Some of the State and Central Public Sector units as well as Private Sector companies have shown interest for joint venture in the Inland Water Transport Sector. Preliminary discussions are underway.

(e) & (f) There are several proposal for setting up of permanent and floating terminals for greater cargo movement. A scheme for construction of permanent RCC Jetty at Patna, Kolkata, Allahabad,Varanasi and setting up of floating terminal at Mirzapur, Gazipur, Varanasi in NW-1; construction of permanent terminal at Pandu, Guwahati and floating terminal at Dhubri, Jogighopa, Pandu, Silghat in NW-2 and a scheme for setting up of terminals at 11 locations at Kollam, Chavara, Kayamkulam, Trikkunnappuzha, Alappuzha, Chertala, Vaikom, Ernakulam G.C, C.E.P.Z, Aluva and Kottapuram in NW-3 have been prepared.